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FOR AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND

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E.O. 11652: EN/A  
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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

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1. ABDELMUHSIN M. AL-SUDEARY, CHAIRMAN OF THE IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. TRANSMIT A NUMBER OF MESSAGES FOR HIM IN SUPPORT OF EARLY DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATION BY THE U.S. OF THE IFAD AGREEMENT, SEE REFTELS. EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING MESSAGES SINCE UNTIL IFAD 'EXISTS' IT HAS NO PRIVATE TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES AND AL-SUDEARY WANTS TO KEEP MESSAGES PRIVATE. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT USG SHOULD SEND BACK SINGLE, COORDINATED REPLY.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: FOR THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ROBERT BERGLAND, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

I HAD THE HONOUR OF DISCUSSING WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY LAST FEBRUARY RELEVANT MATTERS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICULARLY RATIFI-

CATION. IT IS ALSO MY HONOUR TO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PREVIOUS APPEALS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO U.S. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING IFAD. THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF U.S. AND ITS SINCERE EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS WORK BUT THE FUND CANNOT COMMENCE OPERATION UNTIL THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES THAT A MINIMUM OF SIX STATES FROM CATEGORY I (OECD) AND SIX STATES FOR CATEGORY II (OPEC) HAVE RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT AND THE AGGREGATE OF THEIR INITIAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT TO AT LEAST 750 MILLION US DOLLARS.

MAY I INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES FROM EACH GROUP HAVE ALREADY RATIFIED WHILE OTHERS HAVE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO RATIFYING SOON. THE LATST EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION INDICATES THAT ENTRY INTO FORCE DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON U.S. ACTION BEING THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR ESPECIALLY SINCE ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION IS READY. U.S. RATIFICATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE FAR REACHING EFFECT IN EXPEDITING ACTION BY THOSE WHO HAE NOT YET DONE SO. MAY I ALSO POINT OUT THAT FURTHER DELAY IN THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF IFAD AGREEMENT WILL CREATE CONCERN AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HAD BEEN AWAITING IFAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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